

# **Fifth Annual Conference of the *Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions* (ISASR)**

**In association with the Department of Study of Religions  
University College Cork**

## **Religion and Revolution**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

We are pleased to invite scholars to take part in the fifth annual conference of the Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions (ISASR), themed 'Religion and Revolution'. 2016 is the centenary of the iconic Irish revolution, also known as the Easter Rising, which is arguably the most celebrated occurrence of revolution in Ireland. The Rising represents a historic disjunction with British colonial rule and occurred within a context of social and political upheaval. Across the world, political upheaval is often accompanied by religious change which in turn can bring about dramatic social and political transformation. Conceptualising revolution in its broadest sense, the conference will discuss, reflect upon and explore these themes. The Society invites papers and contributions on the varied theme of religion and revolution including areas such as:

- political change and religion
- religions and social movements
- radical religious change
- media representations of religion and revolution
- the impact of revolution on religious practices
- theorising concepts: revolutions, reformations and cycles within religious traditions
- transformations in cosmologies and crises of faith
- changing paradigms in the academic study of religions

Scholars working in Ireland are free to submit paper proposal on any aspect of religion both at home and globally.

**Call for papers:** Please submit your proposal in the form of a title and an abstract (max. 250 words).

**Call for slam contributions:** We invite 'slam' contributions for a maximum duration of 6 minutes on in-progress research, new projects and publications, research networks and new programmes. Please submit a title and brief description of your slam (max. 150 words).

Both paper and slam proposals are to be submitted via email to [isasr2016@gmail.com](mailto:isasr2016@gmail.com) by the deadline of **21 January 2016**. Notification of abstract/slam acceptance will be given by 05 February 2016.

Please bear in mind that papers should contribute to the aims of ISASR as set out in the Society's constitution, specifically that 'The main object [is] to advance education through the academic study of religions by providing a forum for scholarly activity (...). The Society is a forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religions, past and present. It is not a forum for confessional, apologetical, interfaith or other similar concerns'.

The final programme will be posted on the ISASR website: <http://isasr.wordpress.com/>